

Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): OR-118-04

2. Project Name: Middle Cow, Upper Cow and West Fork Cow Creek Noxious Weed Removal

3. County: Douglas

4. Project Sponsor: BLM Glendale **5. Date:** 07-13-2001

6. Sponsors Phone # : 541-618-2353

7. Sponsor's E-mail: dparry@or.blm.gov

8. Project Location (attach project area map)

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): 17100302 Cow Creek

b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): 1710030207 Middle Cow Creek

c. Legal Location:

Township <u>32S</u>	Range <u>5W</u>	Section(s) <u>1,2,17,23,27,30,31,32</u>
Township <u>32S</u>	Range <u>4W</u>	Section(s) <u>2,5,17,29</u>
Township <u>32S</u>	Range <u>3W</u>	Section(s) <u>7,18</u>
Township <u>31S</u>	Range <u>4W</u>	Section(s) <u>21,23,25,27</u>
Township <u>31S</u>	Range <u>3W</u>	Section(s) <u>7,18</u>
Township <u>31S</u>	Range <u>9W / 8w</u>	Section(s) <u>Scattered throughout</u>
Township <u>32s</u>	Range <u>9w,8w,7w,6w</u>	Section(s) <u>Scattered throughout</u>
Township _____	Range _____	Section(s) _____
Township _____	Range _____	Section(s) _____

d. BLM District Medford e. BLM Resource Area Glendale

f. National Forest _____ g. Forest Service District _____

h. State / Private / Other lands involved? ☐ Yes ☒ No

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

Remove the noxious weeds Scotch Broom, French Broom and Spotted Knapweed from BLM roads right of ways and timber sale units. Other weeds may be targeted. Manual methods would be used. Douglas County "inmate crews", Northwest Youth Corp type of youth groups will be utilized for this project.

10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

With in the Middle Cow watershed, Upper Cow Creek watershed, and the West Fork of Cow Creek watershed the non native noxious weeds Scotch Broom, French Broom, Knapweed and Skeleton weed have been inventoried. It is believed that with swift treatment and probable re-treatment, these weeds can be brought under control and possibly exterminated.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then describe.

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12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☐ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☐ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ **Restores and improves land health.** [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☐ Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)] | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: _____ | |

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

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| a. Total Acres: <u>20 - in timber harvest units</u> | b. Total Miles: <u>36 miles along roads</u> |
| c. No. Structures: _____ | d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): <u>20 or more</u> |
| e. No. of Laborer Days: _____ | |
| f. Other (specify): _____ | |

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: 1 year late summer 2002 for treatments and 2004 / 2006 for monitoring.**16. Target Species Benefitted:** (if applicable) The entire eco system will benefit due to more diversity once the noxious weeds are removed.**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?** [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

People who visit public lands will gain an understanding that noxious weeds can be treated and a diverse eco system can take the place of areas once entirely populated by non native noxious weeds.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities?**

It is in the public interest to keep ecosystem healthy and diverse by the elimination of noxious weeds. Removing weeds from road ways also helps to stop their continued spread.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

The removal of noxious weeds will open up areas that are currently a monoculture of noxious weeds.

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20. Status of Project Planning

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| a. NEPA Complete: | X Yes | No | |
| b. If No, give est. date of completion: Just a CE is necessary for road side work, 2 weeks time. | | | |
| c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| e. Survey & Manage Complete: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| i. Project Design(s) Completed: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Estimate 6 days time |

* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>NW Youth Corps, Natural Resources Youth Corps, Douglas County Inmate Crews or similar group</u> | |

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$ 42,560
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, then display by fiscal year
- c. FY02 Request: \$ 35,840 f. FY05 Request: \$
- d. FY03 Request: \$ g. FY06 Request: \$ 3,360
- e. FY04 Request: \$ 3,360

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contrib. [Sec.203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys		0		
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation		0		
26. Permit Acquisition		0		
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation		\$2,000		\$2,000
29. Contract Administration		\$2,000		\$2,000
30. Contract Cost		0		
31. Workforce Cost		\$28,000		\$28,000
32. Materials & Supplies		0		
33. Monitoring - *this includes treatment by employee doing the monitoring.		\$6,000*		\$6,000
34. Other		0		
35. Project Subtotal		\$38,000		\$38,000
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)		\$4,560 FY02 - \$3,840 FY04 - \$360 FY06 - \$360		\$4,560 FY02 - \$3,840 FY04 - \$360 FY06 - \$360
37. Total Cost Estimate		\$ 42,560	\$	\$42,560

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

NA

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39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6))

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

BLM will monitor all treated areas. It is anticipated that some re-treatments will need to take place 2 and 4 years after the project. Typically, BLM employees monitor the project area, and re-treat the site during the evaluation.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

The project will utilize the Douglas County Inmate crews, North West Youth Corps or other local youth corps to do manual labor in the treatment area. I have utilized the NW Youth Corp in the past for similar projects with success. The project leader will ensure that a youth corps type of group or Douglas County Inmate Crew is hired for this project. The group will be educated about noxious weeds and ways to prevent their spread.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

N/A

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

Amount: \$6,000